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Constitutional Status of Aadhaar
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is fool proof security protection for Aadhaar system;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give Constitutional status to Aadhaar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) and (b): Government is fully alive to the need to maintain highest level of data security and is deploying the necessary technology and infrastructure. The architecture of Aadhaar ecosystem has been designed to ensure non-duplication, data integrity and other related management aspects of security in Aadhaar database. Security is an integral part of the system from the initial design to the final stage. Security of Aadhaar data is monitored at all times i.e. at rest, in transit and in storage. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has also been certified as per international standard, namely ISO 27001: 2013 by STQC in respect of Information Security Management System which has added another layer of IT security assurance. UIDAI- Central Identities Data Repository (CIDR) has been declared as a protected system in pursuance of sub-section (1) of Section 70 of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

Additionally, various policies and procedures have been defined clearly which are reviewed and updated continually, thereby appropriately controlling and monitoring any movement of people, material and data in and out of UIDAI premises, particularly the data centres. Physical security of UIDAI Data Centres is being managed by armed Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel. Further, strengthening of security of data is an ongoing process, and all possible steps are being taken in this regard. Chapter VI (Protection of Information) of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 and the Aadhaar (Data Security) Regulations, 2016 framed under the Act have been specifically drafted keeping in account the various security requirements in respect of data collected by UIDAI.

(c) and (d): There is no such proposal with the Government. However, the UIDAI is a statutory authority established under Section 11 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 on 12th July 2016 by the Government of India.
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